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REF: ARELLANO/THOMPSON TELCON MARCH 2

1. IN REPLY TO OUR INQUIRIES ABOUT BEST PLACE FOR A MEETING ON AGRIBUSINESS, MR. BERNARDO QUINTANA CONFIRMED TO E/C COUNSELOR MARCH 3 THAT HE HAS BEEN TALKING TO ED MOLINA (FORD) AND PFEIFFER (IBM) ABOUT THIS SUBJECT.

2. THE PROBLEM AT THE MOMENT IS THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE SO FAR TO GET ANY RESPONSE FROM GOM OR MEXICAN PRIVATE SECTOR TO HIS INQUIRIES ON THIS TOPIC. HE INTENDS ALSO TO SEE PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO ON IT. QUINTANA DOESN'T WANT TO PRESS TOO HARD. HE BELIEVES THE THEME IS A GOOD ONE FOR MEXICO, BUT RECOGNIZES IT IS OUTSIDE OF HIS EXPERIENCE AND THAT OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AS WELL. SOMEONE FROM AGRICULTURE SHOULD GET INVOLVED. IF HE OR WE PRESS TOO HARD, SOME ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE JUST TO ACCOMMODATE SENATOR JAVITS, BUT THERE WON'T BE ANY REAL RESULTS.

3. WITH HOLY WEEK COMING UP, QUINTANA FELT THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF COMPLETING ARRANGEMENTS BY END OF MARCH FOR A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING. LIKEWISE, IT IS TOO SOON TO TALK ABOUT THE LOCATION OF A MEETING.

4. COMMENT: THOUGH QUINTANA WAS NOT WILLING AT THIS POINT TO TALK ABOUT A SPECIFIC DATE AND PLACE FOR A MEETING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HOLD MEETING IN MEXICO AS A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING GOM PARTICIPATION. SOME

OF MOST PROMISING PRESENT PROJECTS ARE WITHIN RANGE OF
MEXICO CITY, E.G. IN GUANAJUATO, WERE IT CONSIDERED
DESIRABLE TO HAVE A MEETING IN AGRICULTURAL AREAS. GOM
OFFICIALS TEND FAVOR MEETINGS IN OUTLYING TOWNS TO PERMIT
THEM TO ESCAPE INTERRUPTIONS. TO THIS END WE WOULD
RECOMMEND QUERETARO OR CUERNAVACA AS POSSIBLE SITE.
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